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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Abdul D. Harriel, 27, Janesville, was sentenced in U.S. District Court today to 115 months in prison, to be followed by a five-year term of supervised release, for distributing crack cocaine on October 18, 2006.

Throughout the fall of 2006, undercover officers from the Rock County Safe Streets Task Force purchased crack cocaine from Harriel. On October 18, 2006, Harriel sold crack cocaine to an undercover police officer for \$500.

The charges against the defendant were the result of an investigation conducted by the Rock County Safe Streets Task Force comprised of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Rock County Sheriff's Department; the Beloit Police Department; the Janesville Police Department; and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau. To date, a total of 38 defendants have been convicted of federal drug and gun charges resulting from Task Force investigations.

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